



STATE PREVENTION INVENTORY – WEST VIRGINIA PROFILE

STATE PREVENTION SYSTEM

Structure and Organization

The Division on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (DADA) of the Office of Behavioral Health Services is the lead agency combating alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) abuse in West Virginia. The Office of Behavioral Health Services is located within the Bureau for Community Support of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. DADA is designated as West Virginia's Single State Agency for the receipt of Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant funds, which are the exclusive source of the State's prevention programming.

West Virginia is divided into four substate planning regions; each region maintains its own advisory group. These advisory groups* work actively to identify target populations and to assess prevention needs within the planning regions. In addition, the advisory groups assist in developing at least one multi-county coordinated prevention program within each substate region that addresses the identified prevention needs. Each advisory group is comprised of 40-50 individuals, representing providers as well as adult and youth consumers.

DADA provides risk-focused, community-based ATOD prevention services through contracts with 14 regional Community Behavioral Health Centers (CBHCs). Each Center's ATOD prevention efforts are led by a Community Development Specialist in Substance Abuse Prevention, who serves as a full-time prevention staff member. DADA coordinates the Statewide CBHC prevention system, ensures that training is made available to community volunteers and prevention workers in prevention theory and techniques, and fosters cooperation among the various components of the State prevention system. The CBHCs form the State's primary approach for community-based prevention programming. The CBHCs' role is to empower communities to develop needs-based comprehensive programs designed to prevent the illegal or inappropriate use or abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs by training and supporting community groups and coalitions in prevention programming, and building their prevention capacity.

The State Substance Abuse Advisory Council, which meets quarterly, advises DADA in several domains, including:

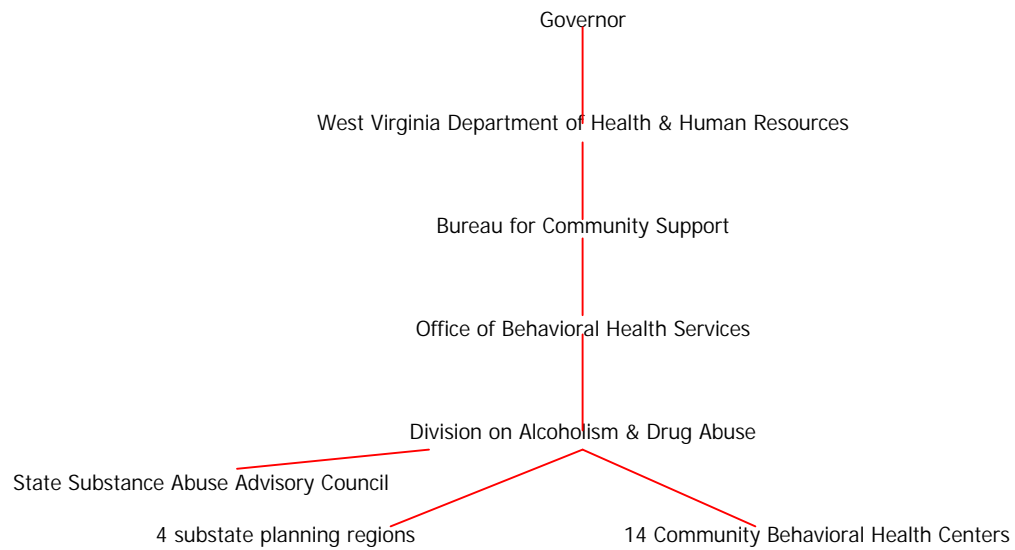
- Planning Statewide programs to meet assessed needs for the prevention and treatment of substance abuse.
- Delivering programs for the prevention and treatment of substance abuse.
- Identifying legislative issues pertaining to substance abuse prevention and treatment.
- Encouraging public understanding of legislative issues that relate to the prevention and treatment of substance abuse.
- Increasing advocacy for Statewide substance abuse issues.

The West Virginia Clearinghouse for the Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse serves as the State RADAR center and is a key component within the prevention system, distributing over a million pieces of educational/informational literature annually.

*Each advisory group is composed of three sections: adult treatment, adolescent treatment, and prevention.

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Organizational Chart



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FUNDING AND RESOURCES

Year (FFY)	State Funding	SAPT Funding	20% Set-aside
1993	\$0	\$5,393,862	\$1,120,868
1994	0	5,981,377	1,251,993
1995	0	7,591,586	1,573,314

Allocation of Funds

CSAP Strategy	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Information Dissemination	\$396,810	\$360,041	407,336
Education	237,406	180,272	339,664
Alternatives	52,488	44,033	82,965
Problem Identification and Referral	120,156	99,000	105,089
Environmental	42,117	62,811	118,346
Community-based Process	271,891	282,315	519,914
Other*	0	223,521	0

*The State did not specify what these expenditures were.

Resource Spending	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Planning, Coordination, and Needs Assessment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Quality Assurance	0	0	0
Training (post-employment)	0	0	0
Education (pre-employment)	0	0	0
Program Development	0	0	0
Research and Evaluation	0	0	0
Information Systems	0	0	0

Substate entities receiving set-aside funds for prevention service delivery

- 4 substate planning regions
- 14 Community Behavioral Health Centers

Average amount of grant/contract:

- FFY 1993 – N/A*
- FFY 1994 - \$65,894
- FFY 1995 – N/A

*Not available. Data not provided by State.

Per-capita 20% set-aside spending (population):

- FFY 1993 - \$0.62
- FFY 1994 - \$0.69
- FFY 1995 - \$0.86

Staff/Volunteers designated and supported by set-aside funding and level:

- FFY 1993 -
 - State: N/A*
 - Regional: 22 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Local: N/A
- FFY 1994 -
 - State: N/A
 - Regional: 22 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Local: N/A
- FFY 1995 -
 - State: 2 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Regional: 22 FTE/0 Volunteers
 - Local: N/A

*Data not available from State.

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Definition of Prevention:

West Virginia does not subscribe to a specific definition of prevention. The State does adhere to the Risk/Protective Factors Model in its prevention programming.

Does the State have prevention plan?

A statewide prevention workplan is developed annually.

Total Number served: *

- FFY 1993 – 1,818,000
- FFY 1994 – 1,822,000
- FFY 1995 – 1,828,000

Target populations for prevention services:

- All citizens of the State

*The entire population of the State is served by prevention programs.

Programs funded:

Type	Number of Programs/Number Served			Programs
	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995	
Information dissemination	1/1,000,000*	1/1,000,000*	1/1,000,000*	Statewide clearinghouse
Education	N/A**	N/A	N/A	"Preparing for the Drug-Free Years" (parenting program); Beginning Alcohol & Addiction Awareness of Basic Education Studies (BABES); Natural Helpers (peer helper program); prevention generalist training; FRIENDS program; South Charleston Student Coalition Against Tobacco (SCAT) (peer education program)
Alternatives	N/A/200	N/A/200	N/A/200	Teen Institute
Problem identification and referral	N/A	N/A	N/A	Appalachian Council of AFL-CIO (employee assistance program)
Community-based processes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Communities That Care;
Environmental	N/A	N/A	N/A	Community-based alliances (e.g., community partnerships, drug-free communities programs); collaborations with WV Tobacco Control Program and State Police (to ensure Synar compliance)

*Approximate number of pieces of informational literature disseminated by the Statewide clearinghouse.

**West Virginia allocates SAPT Block Grant funds in the categories of Information Dissemination, Problem Identification and Referral, and Community-Based Process. Data shown (fiscal, numbers served) are estimated by the State via an indirect method, based on the percentage of time spent by the Community Behavioral Health Centers' staff.

DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

Results currently available on prevention programs funded by the 20% set-aside (including needs assessments and data collection):

All Community Behavioral Health Center (CBHC) staff are required to submit an annual individualized service plan containing specific goals for their respective regions. In addition, data are collected at the CBHC level and are aggregated at the level of the Prevention Resource Center.

Through the Prevention Technical Assistance and Training to the States (PTATS) project, West Virginia has expanded the reporting mechanism to allow for greater flexibility in reporting prevention services conducted through the Monthly Activities Report (MAR). Data collection has transitioned from a paper-based to an electronic reporting format. Narrative descriptions are provided in these reports as well as data on number of service hours, strategies, specific programs, numbers served, and demographic characteristics of those served.

Once the new reporting system is fully functional, the State will be able to compare services provided with the goals of the annual service plans. This process will ensure that appropriate and adequate amounts of services are being provided to target populations within each region. This will also enable the State to develop training and technical assistance around topics that need to be addressed at the CBHC level.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Training and Technical Assistance:

The Division on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (DADA) utilizes set-aside funds to provide “training of trainer/training of leader (TOT/TOL)” training to the Community Development Specialists within each Community Behavioral Health Center (CBHC). Specific training and technical assistance is provided to the CBHCs, based on needs identified at the CBHC and community levels, so that they can in turn provide training to the communities they serve.

Certification Activities:

West Virginia utilizes an independent State certification board. The West Virginia Certification Board for Addiction Professionals, Inc., provides two levels of certification for an Addictions Prevention Specialist. Certification is not directly funded by the 20% primary prevention set-aside, nor is it required by the State. DADA does support maintenance of certification by offering a variety of continuing education training units.